

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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REMARKS

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1. From 8:20 to 9 p.m. on 9 September, there was flying by biplanes at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. At 9 p.m. it began to rain. On 15 September, source noticed that the radio truck with four masts and the tent previously observed at the field had been moved. He learned from an informant that this radio installation was dismantled in the night from 14 to 15 September. (1)

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3. During the period from 16 to 27 September, there was flying at the field only between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 26 September. Two Po-2s circled over the field. No radio installation were observed.

4. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 17 September, three platoons of 30 men each who wore black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia were doing close-order drill and physical training on the concrete apron between the landing field and the Hansa building. From various observations made by source on 22 September, source deduced that the Hansa building quartered about 120 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and 10 officers including one major.

5. Drivers training was given according to a new time schedule, i.e. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. There was break between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on 18 September, source observed that all instructors and students wore gas masks packed in a container similar to the former German field box. Source noticed a small piece of white linen sewed to the inner side of the carrying strap. A Russian word [redacted] was written with indelible ink on the linen. (2) On 20 September, trucks [redacted] occupied by nine men wearing service caps were seen. On 7 September, the entire driver school, i.e. 18 and 20 trucks, was seen practicing for the first time on a Saturday. It appeared that the current course at the driver school was nearing completion. The students operated their vehicles adroitly. Generally only half of the about 20 vehicles assigned to the driver school were used for the daily training.

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6. At a.m. on 17 September, 150 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets and were led by a lieutenant colonel, left the Luftkriegsschule and marched through Koenigsbruecker Strasse to the Heller training grounds. They returned after about 2 hours. The soldiers carried neither arms nor field equipment. Another unit of 150 men wearing the same epaulets were seen marching to the Heller field between 2:20 and 6:30 p.m. At 10 a.m. on 18 September, five platoons of 30 men each left the Luftkriegsschule and marched to Heller field. The unit returned at 2 p.m. All the soldiers observed wore black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia. The march discipline of all the three units observed was excellent, and their uniforms were neat. The Luftkriegsschule quartered an estimated 150 men who wore black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia, and 200 men who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, most of them with motor transport insignia. The latter soldiers belonged to the driver school. A unit of 300 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets and of about 10 officers and about 50 air force officers half of them with gold the other half with silver epaulets were also observed at the Luftkriegsschule.

7. On 22 September, source learned from a streetcar conductor that a drunken Soviet officer had lost his cap and had complained to the conductor that this was a grave matter because his name and serial number was written in this cap. (2)

8. In early September, the clearing of debris was discontinued in Dresden. It was rumored that the workers concerned would be employed for construction work at Kamenz airfield. (3)

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10. After 10:30 p.m. on 30 September, there was local flying by Po-2s at the field. There was flying by Po-2s at the installation from 10 a.m. to noon on 3 October, and from 6:50 a.m. to noon on 4 October.

11. Between 25 September and 5 October, driving school was given according to the previously observed schedule. [redacted]

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[redacted] The driving instructors were an air force senior lieutenant and a lieutenant. On 5 October, a Sunday, truck [redacted] occupied by 8 men and 1 lieutenant was observed. Source believed that a final examination was being held.

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12. The Luftkriegsschule quartered an estimated 500 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets and another 500 men who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. From 11 a.m. to noon on 3 October, four platoons of 30 men each wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed during aiming practice at dummies. Along Grenz Strasse and on Fuchsberg another detail of 30 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying knapsacks and rifles with fixed bayonettes relieved a platoon of 30 men who also wore black-bordered red epaulets and were in the trenches on Fuchsberg. It was rumored that the Luftkriegsschule was to be evacuated by the Russians and made into a VF air force school. (4) On 4 October, [redacted] drivers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were seen at the Luftkriegsschule.

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Comments.

(1) The presence of this radio installation, an Adcock DF station, was reported previously. [redacted]

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(2) [redacted]

(3) It is possible that construction work will be carried out at Kamenz and Bautzen airfields which were handed over to the Air VP.

(4) The rumor that the Luftkriegsschule in Dresden-Klotzsche is to be handed over to the Air VP is believed credible. The report indicates that the occupation of Dresden-Klotzsche airfields has not changed. A vehicle distribution point with an attached driver school and an unidentified air force unit which conducts basic pilot training on a small scale are stationed at the field.

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